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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8038

BILL NUMBER: SB 471

DATE PREPARED: Apr 12, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Apr 9, 2001

SUBJECT: Prescription Medications for Children and Medicaid Recipients.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a Medicaid recipient may not be restricted access to a prescription drug for mental illness.

The bill also adds a psychiatrist to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee. It also requires the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee to review the records maintained by the central repository for controlled substances designated by the State Police Department regarding the prescribing of stimulant medications to children. The bill also requires the report to contain specified information and to be filed with the Legislative Council, Governor, and Medical Licensing Board by December 1, 2001.

Effective Date: (Amended) January 1, 2001 (Retroactive); Upon Passage; July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Prescription Drugs for Mental Illness Under Medicaid:* This bill provides that a Medicaid recipient may not be denied access to or restricted in the use of a prescription drug for the treatment of a mental illness. This provision can be expected to increase pharmaceutical costs faced by managed care organizations (MCO) in the Medicaid Risk-Based Managed Care (RBMC) program due to the prohibition against the use of restrictive drug formularies or prior approval policies. These costs may eventually be passed on to the state through negotiated capitation rates paid to the MCOs. However, published research suggests that there is a significant potential for any increased pharmaceutical costs to be exceeded by reduced expenditures in other parts of the mental health system (e.g., emergency mental health services, use of community mental health centers, and partial hospitalization).

Controlled Substances Advisory Committee: The Indiana State Police (ISP) should experience minimal expenditures as a result of the bill. The ISP already maintains a central repository for controlled substances. The fifteen-member Controlled Substances Advisory Committee (CSAC) would experience increased expenditures due to the creation of a sixteenth member (psychiatrist with expertise in adolescent psychology). Currently, CSAC members who are not State employees are entitled to the minimum salary per

diem, reimbursement for traveling expenses, and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Members who are State employees are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Depending on the distance traveled to meetings by the proposed sixteenth member, the additional expenditures for the proposed member could range from \$770 to \$1240 over six meetings. If the proposed member were a State employee, expenditures would be much lower. If the proposed member were from the Indianapolis area, expenditures, would also be significantly reduced.

Additionally, the CSAC would have increased expenditures for the preparation of the required report concerning the prescription of stimulant medications to children for the Legislative Council, Governor, and Medical Licensing Board. The CSAC has six scheduled meetings for CY 2001. If the Committee meets additionally, expenditures for Committee operations would increase.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) See Explanation of State Expenditures, above, regarding expenditures in the Medicaid program. Costs in the Medicaid program are shared between the federal government (about 62% of costs) and the state (about 38%).

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau, Controlled Substances Advisory Committee, Medical Licensing Board, State Police, Legislative Council, Office of the Governor, Medical Licensing Board, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Soumerai, Stephen B., et.al., "Effects of Limiting Medicaid Drug Reimbursement Benefits on the Use of Psychotropic Agents and Acute Mental Health Services by Patients with Schizophrenia," New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 331, No. 10, September 1994.